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SUPERINTENDENT'S COUNCIL ON EDUCATION FOR THE DISADVANTAGED has been formed by State Superintendent Dolores Colburg to act in an advisory capacity for state and federal programs concerned with education of disadvantaged youth and adults. The 25-member council is made up of representatives from education, state government, community action groups, labor and health organizations. Included in the membership are six high school and college students.

TEACHING CERTIFICATES expiring in 1970 may be renewed beginning March 1. Send form F1789-621.100-5/69 or write a letter including information on whether you will be changing Class or Endorsement of certificate to Vivian Allgaier, Certification Director, Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction.

THE 22ND ANNUAL CONFERENCE OF SCHOOL ADMINISTRATORS will be held at Carroll College, Helena on April 13 and 14.

THE 22ND ANNUAL CONFERENCE OF COUNTY SUPERINTENDENTS will be held in conjunction with the Conference of School Administrators, starting the afternoon of April 14 and running through April 15.

A PLANNING MEETING for English teachers in the Western district is scheduled for 12:00 noon Saturday, February 7, at the University Center, University of Montana, Missoula. Purpose of the meeting is to organize a district branch of the Montana Association of Teachers of English which will provide district activities, workshops and newsletters. A no-host luncheon at the Student Center will follow the meeting.

COMPUTER CLASS SCHEDULING SERVICES will be offered again for next school year by the Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction. The state office received 54 requests for computerized scheduling services for the 1969-70 school year. Of these, 19 applicants made little or no use of the services offered. Thirty-five of the applying schools made full use of the services, scheduling classes for a total of 14,080 students. Application forms and further information on services to be offered for the 1970-71 school year will be available shortly.

TEACHERS GUIDES TO TELEVISION are available from Teachers Guides to Television, P. O. Box 564, Lenox Hill Station, New York, New York 10021 at $2.00 per semester or $3.00 per school year plus 25¢ handling charge. The Guides contain a list of television programs of superior educational value, plus a bibliography and a list of related films.

GUIDE FOR MONTANA SCHOOL LIBRARIES, a manual for improved library service, is now available from Ruth Lemon, Acting Supervisor, ESEA Title II, Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction.

"IN QUEST OF CLEANER AIR AND WATER", a short film on polution control in the nation's steel industries, is available free to schools from the American Iron and Steel Institute, 150 East 42nd Street, New York, New York 10017.

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THE FOUNDATION PROGRAM for Montana schools this year is a record $81,639,484. State equalization for the year is expected to amount to $33,480,071, with the first of two payments -- $20,088,039 -- having gone to the county treasurers. In March, State Interest and Income payments of about $7.8 million will be made.

P. L. 874 APPLICANTS: The deadline filing date for the 1969-70 school year initial application for school assistance in federally-affected areas (Form RSF-1) is March 13. Please read carefully SAFA Bulletin No. 51 (Rev. 5-68) before filing an application. If you need assistance, contact Wayne F. Haefer, Administrator, P. L. 874, Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction.

SESAME STREET: A special bibliography of inexpensive books which can be used to reinforce concepts and activities seen in the educational series "Sesame Street" is available from Phillip A. Ward, Jr., Director, Division of Instructional Services, Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction. Books listed vary in price from $.19 to $1.50.

MONTANA ASSOCIATION OF FUTURE HOMEMAKERS OF AMERICA will hold its annual state meeting March 20 and 21 on the Montana State University campus, Bozeman.

PUTTING RESEARCH INTO EDUCATIONAL PRACTICE (PREP): Two new reports have been received from Bureau of Research, U. S. Office of Education. "Research for School Board Members", a continuation of Series 7, focuses on teacher militancy, negotiations and strikes. "A Survey of Existing Cooperative Job-Oriented Education Programs" provides guidelines on coordinating vocational education efforts of schools and industry. Copies of these reports are available from Research Coordinating Unit, Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction.

RALPH W. MIKKELSEN, formerly Director of Vocational Education for Miles Community College, Miles City, has joined the State Superintendent's staff as Industrial and Technical Education Supervisor in the Division of Vocational Education.

SUMMER INSTITUTE IN FIELD BOTANY for high school teachers will be offered by the University of Montana beginning June 15, 1970. Supported under a grant from the National Science Foundation, the eight-week course will enable 15 participants to increase their knowledge in the field of botanical sciences. Stipends are available to participants. Applicants must have at least three years of teaching experience at the high school level and a better than average academic record for college work. Application deadline is February 15. Inquiries should be directed to Dr. Richard A. Solberg, Institute Director, University of Montana, Missoula, telephone 243-2282.

COMPLETE SET OF TAPES AND TEXT for French 1 ALM, old edition, is available. Offers should be made to Sister Mary Rau, Principal, Billings Central High School, 3 Broadwater Avenue, Billings 59102.

TEACHERS AND ADMINISTRATORS OF ECONOMICS PROGRAMS at the high school level are invited to attend a summer institute in Economics at the University of Oklahoma, Stillwater, Oklahoma June 8 through July 31, 1970. A limited number of stipends are available and graduate credit may be earned. Application deadline is February 16. Forms and information are available from Clayton Millington, Director, NSF Summer Institute in Economics, College of Business Administration at the University of Oklahoma, Stillwater, Oklahoma 74074.

FEBRUARY HOLIDAYS, Lincoln's Birthday and Washington's Birthday, provide good opportunities to discuss with students the individual's role in the democratic process.